

HONORING 11 RESIDENTS OF
BROWARD COUNTY SELECTED
FOR THE BROWARD SENIOR
HALL OF FAME

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of 11 outstanding seniors from my district that have been selected to be part of the Broward Senior Hall of Fame. Through the generous donation of their time and resources, these exemplary seniors have displayed a level of commitment to public service that can be admired by all.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Broward County offers this annual distinction to seniors who have dedicated themselves to improving their community in South Florida. From ordinary citizens and businesspeople to public servants and advocates, they have gone above and beyond to serve both the elderly and those in need. The amount of time, money, and effort these individuals have expended for the betterment of their community is truly admirable and exhibits a level of passion worthy of recognition.

Congratulations to Judge Arthur Birken, Florida Representative Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, Josephine D'Espies, Pauline Grant, William Giroux, Sandra Harris, Dr. Robert Levy, June and John McCarthy, John Primeau, and Margaret Reilly on their election to the 2013 Senior Hall of Fame. I hope that by honoring them they can continue to inspire South Floridians to live by their example.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE TRANE COMPANY

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of the Trane Company. Trane is an innovative global leader in the area of heating and air conditioning systems and employs over 29,000 in over 400 locations, including 300 employees in White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

A true American success story, Trane was started by Norwegian immigrant, James Trane. After working some time as a plumber and steamfitter, James opened a plumbing shop in 1885 in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He drew inspiration from the cold winters and invented a new low-pressure heating system named the Trane Vapor Heating System. His son Reuben was born the next year. Following Reuben's completion of a degree in mechanical engineering in 1910, father and son went into business together in 1913 and incorporated the Trane Company. Reuben Trane's invention of the convactor radiator in 1923 is what cemented Trane as an innovator and paved the way for the company's success in the years to come.

As many are aware, Midwest summers can be as hot as our winters are cold. Therefore, it was fitting that in 1931, the Trane Company pioneered air conditioning technology to give people relief from the from blistering summer

heat. The company further revolutionized the concept of air conditioning in large buildings with the 1938 launch of the Turbovac, the first hermetic, centrifugal refrigeration machine. This model paved the way for the CenTraVac®, a revolutionary technology which has become the industry standard for large commercial air conditioning systems and the most energy efficient of its kind. Trane continued to grow with the acquisition of Sentinel Electronics in the 1970s, entering into the building automation and management field. This allowed the company to be the first to offer integrated controls for all their products. In 1984, Trane was able to acquire General Electric's Central Air Conditioning Division and continue its success into the area of residential air conditioning.

Trane's 100 years of groundbreaking work has not only generated quality heat and cooling systems, but created a brand that is renowned for superior quality and excellent customer service. Trane is equally committed to pursuing energy efficiency and has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as the "Best of the Best" in commercial air conditioning systems.

Mr. Speaker, many people both inside and outside the industry are aware of the Trane company motto, "It's hard to stop a Trane." In honor of the thousands of employees who have built Trane from a small family plumbing company to a century old global leader in high efficiency and innovative technology in the heating and cooling industry, I am pleased to submit this statement.

HONORING DR. JOHN HALVERSON

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Dr. John Halverson, Superintendent of the Sylvan Union School District, who is retiring after many years of outstanding service to our community.

Dr. Halverson began his teaching career in Bangor, California, in 1977, after serving his country in the United States Army. In 1980, he was promoted to Superintendent/Principal at Bangor Union Elementary School District—a position he held for 5 years. In 1985, he moved to Jackson, California, and was appointed as Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services at Amador County Unified School District in 1988. In 1994, he was appointed Superintendent of the Nevada City School District. Dr. Halverson came to Stanislaus County in 2003, where he will be concluding his career at Sylvan Union School District after 10 years as Superintendent.

Dr. John Halverson was integral in the implementation of middle schools for Amador County Unified School District. He was also behind the establishment of the 1994 Charter in Nevada City—the School of the Arts. He oversaw construction of three new schools in the Sylvan Union School District and was at the helm of seeing the 2006 passage of Measure A, a school bond for modernizing projects. For the last 24 years, Dr. Halverson has overseen fiscal stability in three school districts as Superintendent.

Over the years, Dr. Halverson has been recognized with many awards including 1997 Ne-

vada County Charter Superintendent of the Year and 2001 Nevada County Administrator of the Year. In 2013, the Stanislaus County Chapter of the California Teachers Association recognized him with a CTA School Bell Award. In addition, he volunteers with many organizations including the Boys and Girls Club of Modesto, Amador County Arts Council, 49er Breakfast Rotary Club, and the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Dr. John Halverson, Sylvan Union School District Superintendent, for his numerous years of selfless service to the betterment our community.

HONORING THE EASTERN IOWA
HONOR FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, today, over eighty Iowa World War II and Korean War veterans will travel to our nation's capital. Accompanied by volunteer guardians, they will visit the monuments that were built in their honor.

For many, today will be the first time they will see the National World War II Memorial and the Korean War Veterans Memorial. I am deeply honored to join them for their visit to the National World War II Memorial to personally thank these heroes for their service to our nation and to pay tribute to the incredible sacrifice that they made for our country.

We owe these heroes a debt of gratitude. As a reminder of the service and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation, I am proud to have a piece of marble in my office from the quarry that was used to build the World War II Memorial. Our World War II and Korean War veterans rose to defend not just our nation, but the freedoms, democracy, and values that make our country the greatest nation on earth. They did so as one people and one country. Their sacrifices and determination in the face of great threats to our way of life are both humbling and inspiring.

The sheer magnitude of what the Greatest Generation accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed, continues to inspire us today. Their generation and our country did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, the Greatest Generation defended and then rebuilt our nation to make it even stronger. Their patriotism, service, and sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our nation and the American people. Their legacy endures today.

I am tremendously proud to welcome the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight and Iowa's veterans of the Second World War and the Korean War to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.